

REDWOOD CITY HARBOR DEEPENING

SAN MATEO COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT: 12th District: Rep Tom Lantos; 14th District: Rep. Anna Eshoo

STUDY DESCRIPTION: Redwood City Harbor is located in San Mateo County, California, on the west side of San Francisco Bay, about 20 miles south of San Francisco, at the mouth of Redwood Creek. An existing deep draft navigation project was completed in 1965 and is maintained by the Corps of Engineers. The proposed study will address deepening the project to a greater than authorized depth of 30 feet. New, larger vessels, which currently call on the port, require more than the authorized depth. These vessels are forced to light load and top off at other ports, significantly adding to the cost of calling on the port. The Port of Redwood City, the local sponsor, expressed support for the study and is willing to participate in cost sharing of the feasibility study phase. A Reconnaissance Study was initiated in April 98.

FISCAL YEAR 03 BUDGET: \$0

<u>POSSIBLE SOLUTIONS</u>: The proposed study will address deepening the existing federal project to a depth greater than 30 feet, utilizing aquatic and possibly upland disposal or beneficial reuse of dredged materials.

<u>PRESENT STATUS</u>: The Reconnaissance Study was completed in March 1999. The draft Feasibility Cost Sharing Agreement (FCSA) was approved by Corps Headquarters on 3 December 1999 and was delivered to the local sponsor on 7 January 2000.

<u>FUTURE EFFORTS</u>: The local sponsor, Redwood City Harbor, is seeking funds to finance the Feasibility Study. Signing of the FCSA in FY02 is unlikely.